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Dear Sir:

**LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE  
(37 CFR 1.312)**

Please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

- abstract.
- specification.
- drawings.

claims.

- This Amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

**NOTE:** *No showing as to why the amendments to correct formal matters was not earlier presented need be made, unless the issue fee was already paid.*

- This Amendment affects the disclosure or scope of a claim. The attached supplemental pages set forth the reasons why the amendment is needed, why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination, why the claims are patentable, and why they were not earlier presented.

- The issue fee:

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- Because the issue fee has been paid, the applicant hereby petitions for entry of the attached amendments. Petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)(1)) of \$130.00 is paid by:

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authorization to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

In the remarks in the attached supplemental page(s) is a showing, as required by 37 CFR 1.312(b), for amendments filed after the date the issue fee is paid, of good and sufficient reasons why the amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented.

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